RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government* : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Investigations are proceeding to extend trunk telephone lines to Thiruvella and Changanacherry and after this line is completed the question of connecting up Chengannor to Thiruvella will be taken up.

Nalkalikal Bridge.

151 * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is provision in the current year's Budget for the construction of Nalkalikal Bridge on the Aranmula-Pandalam road between Aranmula and Kidanganoor in Tiruvella taluk ; and

(*b*) the steps so far taken for the construction of the bridge ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*)

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements are being made to invite tenders for the work.

Dispensary at Chengannoor.

152 * **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of the Dispensary building has been started ;

(*b*) whether tenders have been invited by the Department for entrusting the work to any contractor ; and

(*c*) whether the necessary estimate for the construction has been sanctioned by Government ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Arrangements are being made to invite tenders for the work.

(*c*) The estimate is under preparation.

Rules under Act II of 1116.

153 * **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any rules under Act II of 1116 ; and

(*b*) whether they have prescribed any fee for applications under Act II of 1116 ?

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) :

(*a*) Draft Rules under Section 24 of the Debt Relief Act II of 1116 have been framed and they are being examined.

(*b*) In view of answer to (a), this does not arise.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know when the rules are expected to be published ?

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MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI ; I don't think it will take more than a week or 10 days.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM ; Does the Government know that much inconvenience and hardship is caused by the delay in publishing the rules?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI ; There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to this matter. The rules are not intended to bring any real immediate relief to the public and the absence of the rule does not, in the opinion of Government, cause such hardship.

PRESIDENT ; The Government have noticed that the Act is as good as not published at all. Government do not see there is any particular reason for expediting the publication of the rules. Nobody is taking advantage of Act. Though there is so much feeling manifestd on the floor of this House there is not much interest shown by the public.

Bridge across the Varkathillathil thodu.

154 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of the bridge across the Varkathillathil thodu on the Podiyadi-Neerattupuram road in Tiruvalla taluk is complete ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Because a modification of the original design for the bridge was found necessary and the estimate had consequently to be revised

Experimental Potato Farm at Valamchankana.

155 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there has been any proposal for opening an experimental Potato Farm at Valamchankana near Azhutha in Peermade during Mr. Raghava Aiyar's administration ;

(*b*) whether any investigation was conducted into the matter by the Agricultural Department and a favourable report submitted to Government by the then Agricultural Director ; and

(*c*) the action taken on the report ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

Appointments in the newly constituted lower division of the Public Service.

156 * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of appointments in the newly constituted lower division of the Public Service for which there was no candidate from the Ezhava community for recruitment during 1116 ?

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